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TAGS: CDES, (PRESS, WARREN)
SUBJECT: DEATHS: WARREN PRESS

TO: MR. LARRY ERLICH
1221 HINMAN AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60202
TEL: 312:869-8033

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON WARREN T. PRESS. MR. ROBERT STAFFORD INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY OF HIS DEATH ON APRIL 21 IN KABUL. THE EXACT CAUSE OF YOUR SON'S DEATH HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ORDERED AN AUTOPSY, WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED ON APRIL 22. THE EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY YOU, ONCE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS KNOWN. ALSO, MR. STAFFORD IS SENDING YOU A SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR SON'S DEATH.

2. YOUR SON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS FRIEND, MR. STAFFORD.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT TO THE U.S. OF YOUR SON'S REMAINS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE HIS REMAINS RETURNED TO THE
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UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT TO ONCWUKBK (#) SINCE EMBALMING AS KNOWN IN THE U.S. IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE, VIEWING IS DEFINITELY NOT ADVISEABLE. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT TO THE U.S. WOULD COST TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

4. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING SENT. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) YOU OR YOUR BANK SHOULD WIRE FUNDS PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. THE WIRE SHOULD STATE THAT FUNDS ARE FOR THE LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT TO THE U.S. OF YOUR SON'S REMAINS.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

5. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

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6. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BE-
REAVEMENTS.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
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NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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